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[Suzanne Velez-Perez](#)

Hello WSC members,

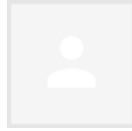
In response to the pandemic many Areas reached out to us to inquire as to how to display temporary online meeting information so that members could still find help and hope in Al-Anon meetings. In that evolution, a [temporary online electronic meeting change form](#) was created for members to use in order for temporary meeting information to be displayed on [al-anon.org](#). **Not all meetings have this temporary meeting information displayed with us; most is displayed on local District and AIS websites.**

What the WSO requests is that if your meeting has resumed face-to-face *and* your temporary online meeting information is displayed on [al-anon.org](#), that a member of the group please submit the change information to remove the temporary online meeting information. This does not mean that the group cannot have members meeting in the physical location in addition to using an online platform to connect additional members into the meeting that are concerned about safety. Members are encouraged to check to see what meeting information is currently displayed on [al-anon.org](#) and decide from there how to proceed.

I hope this is helpful. Please don't hesitate to reach out to groupservices@al-anon.org if you have additional questions.

Yours in service,

Sue
Sue Perez
Associate Director - Group Services



Suzanne Martin

1:41 PM (6
hours ago)

to hope.22la12@gmail.com, me

August 31, 2020

Dear Hope, Louisiana Area Treasurer,

In July, the Board of Trustees approved refunding the entire amount of the 2020 World Service Conference (WSC) Equalized Expense payments received from the Areas after deducting the Delegates' portion of Conference expenses related to the 2020 virtual/hybrid WSC—a total of \$96,022.50. The amount (\$1481.69) to be refunded to the Louisiana Area is based on the amount Louisiana paid towards the overall Equalized Expense total, e.g., whether Louisiana paid the Equalized or Full Amount or some amount in between.

Please take this brief [survey](#) to relay your Area's preference by October 31, 2020. The options are:

1. The Louisiana Area would like a full refund of \$1481.69
2. The Louisiana Area would like to contribute to the World Service Office some or all of the refund amount of \$1481.69:
 - a. List amount _____
 - b. All (\$1481.69)
3. The Louisiana Area would like to apply the entire refund amount of \$1481.69 to the Louisiana Area's 2021 WSC Equalized Expense payment

If your Louisiana Delegate has a flight credit from the 2020 WSC, Chris Baker, WSO Meeting and Travel Planner, will reach out via email in February with details regarding using the credit for travel to the 2021 WSC.

Thank you,

The Finance Committee

CC: Tammy Mergist

Attachments:

2021 Equalized Expense Letter
2021 Equalized Expense Payment For

Dear Delegate,

The Finance Committee and Board of Trustees reviewed the costs of the 2021 World Service Conference (WSC). After careful consideration given the higher costs of holding the WSC in New York, the Equalized Expense amount for the 2021 WSC has been set at \$1,667.00 (US). The Full Amount for a Delegate to attend the 2021 WSC has been set at \$2,381.81 (US). Last year, nine Areas gave amounts greater than the Full Amount; 43 Areas contributed the Full Amount; eight Areas contributed amounts between the Equalized Expense and the Full Amount; and seven Areas gave the Equalized Expense to send their Delegate to the Conference.

A copy of this letter will be posted to the AFG Connects community for Area Treasurers, with a request to forward payment to the World Service Office (WSO) as soon as possible, but no later than December 31, 2020. For an explanation regarding Equalized Expenses, see "How the Conference Is Financed," including "General Conference Expenses" and "Delegates' Equalized Expenses" on pages 164-165 of the 2018-2021 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual version two (2) P-24/27.

The 61 st Annual World Service Conference has been scheduled for Monday, April 12 through Friday, April 16, 2021 in Tarrytown, New York. All Conference members will visit Stepping Stones during the week. The Annual Open Board of Trustees Meetings will be held the afternoon of Friday, April 16. Breakfast will be served on Saturday, April 17, 2021 at the hotel prior to departures. Attendance at breakfast is not mandatory.

Delegates who choose to stay and attend the 70 th Anniversary Banquet on Saturday, April 17 will be responsible for all of their expenses beginning after breakfast on April 17.

Since the term of office for the Panel 58 Delegates will be completed as of December 31, 2020, we encourage outgoing Delegates to pass along all pertinent information to their newly elected Panel 61 Delegates in their Areas.

The members of the Conference Leadership Team join me in sending warm greetings.